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These are great days for conference.

Even Mitchell wants one.

The Excise law is likely to survive

Police Justice Hogan's reading.

The water bicycle may yet become

the medium of New York-State Island

transit.

The Committee of Seventy has to pick

out the hundredth man, and does well

to realize the peril of a hasty selection.

Ex-Commissioner MacLean resembles

the late Gen. Grant in being a thorough

master of the art of keeping his mouth

shut.

China has been noted for its great

floods, but a tidal wave of Japanese

has hitherto been unlooked for in the Cele-

stial Empire.

Benjamin Harrison says he doesn't

think he would like to run for the Presi-

dency again. Some other thinkers think

the same thing.

Magnetic women promise to be plen-

tiful enough in a short time, but what

the politicians are howling for now is

a magnetic man.

Money has kept the pantalo going.

Nevertheless, with his sources of supply

shut off the pantalo must go. "A most

ingenious paradox."

Brooklyn's Consolidation League is

planning a campaign of education for

Greater New York. Do not let it be

alone in the work.

Police-men are expected, ordinarily,

to make some business for the Grand

Jury. But the New York Police De-

partment has overdone it.

New Jersey moves but slowly towards

saving the Palisades, while the dynamite,

which is accomplishing the other pro-

cesses, continues to be notably sudden in

its operations.

A real life-saving net having been dis-

covered on a cable car, there is ground

for hope that enough cable cars may yet

be found and equipped to furnish seats

for all passengers.

Fashionable New York ladies are go-

ing to ride the "bike," and soon the

Japanese pug and duciated dach-

shunds will have to take their carriage

rides alone in the Park.

According to the expressed views of

Brother-in-law Scott, Gen. Harrison is

quite reconciled to the idea of being

the victim of a stampede in the Repu-

blitan National Convention of 1896.

Corbett has hit on an excellent plan

of defending his title to the champion-

ship of the prize ring. When somebody

challenges him to fight does he let?

Nay, nay, Pauline. He hires a substi-

written in the song that "he knew just  
what to do," and that, consequently,  
wherever he was a minister in the White  
House, it was to be hoped that the  
Kaiser's minutes would be filled quite  
up to his expectations. And it is greatly  
to his advantage that 1894 is still quite a  
term of years in the future.

#### HOPE FOR THE INDEPENDENT VOTER.

The independent voter should not be  
discouraged over his opportunities this  
fall. To be sure, the dilemma of a  
choice between Boss Platt and Boss  
Hill might suggest taking to the woods  
on election day, but there are a lot of  
other things than Governor to vote for,  
and the independent can, as to them,  
without let or hindrance, exercise his  
freedom of choice.

It will, for instance, be his proud  
privilege to cast a vote for Greater New  
York. He may likewise assist in the  
formulation of an irrevocable decree in  
favor of real rapid transit. He may  
also vote to have the city streets cleaned  
up in ten minutes. He can issue his paper dictum as to  
whether he wants a Republican reas-  
sembly of the State into legisla-  
tive districts. He can weigh in, to the  
extent of his vote, whether the  
State shall spend a lot of money in  
improving the canals. He will have an  
opportunity to vote railroad passes out  
of the pockets of public officers. He  
may express his electoral opinion upon  
the subject of the appropriation of pub-  
lic money for secular schools. He may  
do his share towards completely over-  
hauling the judicial system of the  
State. He will have a vote on the ques-  
tion of contract labor in State prisons.  
He may help to abolish crooners, pool-  
selling, gamblers and other public evils.  
He will be asked to vote whether he  
wishes to vote on other day separately  
for city officers. And nearly a  
score of other important questions will  
be submitted to his judgment.

Such a general referendum has never  
before been known in any State in the  
Union. The multiplicity of the things  
will keep even the ablest independent  
busy on election day—so busy that he  
won't wonder if a lot of them  
wouldn't find time to vote for Governor  
at all.

#### RIGHTS OF LABOR.

An interesting decision was made by  
the United States Court of Appeals at  
Chicago yesterday, reversing that part  
of the injunction granted by Judge Jen-  
kins in the Northern Pacific case which  
restrained railroad employees from  
striking on a road in the hands of a  
receiver.

Judge Harlan delivered the opinion of  
the court. The right of the employees  
to quit work at their will, or to "strike,"  
is upheld. Judge Jenkins held that a  
strike injured the property in the hands  
of the receiver, the officer of the courts,  
and was thus an offense against the  
law. The court decides that a with-  
drawal of the men by concerted action  
from the service of the receivers, using  
neither force nor threats, persecution  
nor intimidation towards employees who  
do not join them, nor any device to  
modest or interfere with others who  
may be ready to take their places, is not  
illegal or criminal, although done with  
the knowledge that it would temporarily  
inconvenience the receivers and the  
public. The men have the right to strike.  
The trouble on the Northern Pacific was  
caused by the attempt of the re-  
ceivers to scale down wages.

#### FRAUDS IN NATURALIZATION.

Judge McAdam has become so disgust-  
ed with the fraud connected with the  
business of obtaining naturalization pa-  
pers that he refuses to issue any such  
papers in the future.

This method of fraud on the ballot-box  
has become so common that it is believed  
a very large percentage of the persons  
naturalized every year are not entitled  
to citizenship.

The evil is traceable to the political  
character of many of the devices ap-  
plied for largely on the eve of elec-  
tions, and the more important the elec-  
tion is to the politicians the greater will  
be the rush to the naturalization courts.

The persons seeking citizenship do not  
feel such an interest in the candidates  
as to be eager to have the right of  
voting for them. But the heeds of the  
political organizations and bosses set  
the mills going and rush every person  
whose vote they can obtain into Ameri-  
can citizenship, whether they are en-  
titled to the privilege or not.

The character of many of those natu-  
ralized shows that they are led up to the  
courts by others, and are not there of  
their own volition. A glance at the  
naturalization headquarters, especially  
of the Tammany Democracy, is sufficient  
to stamp naturalization on the business.

But is Judge McAdam's resolve not to  
naturalize any person at all justifiable?  
All the judges should reach a similar  
determination, great injustice would be  
inflicted on persons honestly entitled to  
claim their citizenship.

It is to be hoped that Judge McAdam  
excludes an honest, conscientious judge  
from the performance of the duty, and  
turns it over, perhaps, to a judicial offi-  
cer who will be less scrupulous. Thus he  
is aiding instead of preventing the  
fraud.

Ought not the Judge rather to invite  
naturalization cases before him, to use  
his very best endeavors to turn down  
fraudulent applications and to issue pa-  
pers only to clearly honest and properly  
qualified persons? Would not that be  
the best way to prevent false naturaliza-  
tion?

#### NO HIGHER THAN BEFORE.

Ex-Police Commissioner MacLean was  
a witness before the Lexow Committee  
yesterday.

Expectation was high when the ex-  
cise commissioner appeared on the stand.  
But his examination was a very mild  
and mannerly affair. His testimony re-  
lated to the policy of the Department,  
and the effect of proposed changes.

Mr. MacLean had heard rumors of ap-  
pointments and promotions being paid  
for, but did not believe they were true.  
The rule regarding excessive arrests by  
ununiformed men was passed while he  
was abroad. He did not think a Su-  
perintendent was justified in wholly dis-  
regarding a rule or resolution of the  
Police Board.

The examination of Mr. MacLean did  
not carry the work of the Committee  
any higher.

#### THE GRAND JURY'S DUTY.

Judge Cowing's charge to the October  
Grand Jury promises to bring the work  
of the Lexow Committee to a practical  
result.

The Judge directs the attention of  
the Grand Jurors to the fact that public  
officers on the police force stand charged  
with official corruption, and instructs  
them that it is their bounden duty,

without fear or favor, to present these  
alleged offenders at the bar of the Court  
in order that justice may be meted out  
to them.

The trials before the Police Commis-  
sioners during the recess of the Lexow  
Committee were useful in ridding the  
force of some of the unfaithful officers.  
The trials before the Grand Jury, how-  
ever, do not satisfy justice. They should  
be made to pay the penalties of the vi-  
olated laws.

Now that the Grand Jury is about to  
make an inquiry into the alleged of-  
fenses of the Lexow Committee, it is re-  
gretted that the Lexow Committee has  
not gone higher. The people have been taught  
to believe that the evidence at command  
of the Committee would reach to the  
very head of the Police Department,  
and it seems only just that the Grand  
Jury's work should commence with the  
highest and hence the most vicious of  
the offenders.

#### WHO WAS HER COUTURIERE?

A Topaka woman celebrated her 100th  
birthday by wearing a dress made for  
her eighty-two years ago. Good, care-  
ful, saving, sensible woman. She was  
a train of gunpowder near him, and  
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Ex-Supt. Murray is quoted as follows,  
concerning much-mooted police ques-  
tion of the day:

Mr. Murray said he had requested Mr. Byrne  
to instruct the force not to make any  
arrests while in plain clothes, and that many  
of the persons engaged in the liquor business  
were not so much afraid of the police as  
they had been in the past. He had  
contributed time and money to further his  
political interests. He also said he was deter-  
mined they should be protected against any  
police interference in the transaction of their  
business. He said he was not a politician,  
and was so ordered by all the Commis-  
sioners, and they wanted this requirement  
cancelled.

Nothing more pointed or more perni-  
cious than this statement has been  
brought to the attention of the Lexow  
Committee.

Harvard will not play football with  
Princeton. It is stated, as from the  
bearers of the crimson, that "in order  
to win from Princeton, or to make a  
good showing, the team would have to  
be hurled along too much." Yes, the  
impression has prevailed in many quar-  
ters that the tigers would make the  
Harvard men play a pretty fast game.

Pretty soon the ballheaded man will  
not have to sing his songs of thought  
by getting too close to the footlights.  
Dress-reformers have begun to shorten  
their skirts. May be, after a year or  
two, Broadway and the shopping dis-  
tricts will throw with tights and blaze  
with ballet effects.

The Chinese Emperor appoints a committee  
of twelve to conduct the new year's  
celebrations. It is not clear what the  
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And what are they repeating over in Eng-  
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#### "THE IRISH ARTIST."

The new Hibernian comedy drama by  
George H. Jessop, and also by Pigeon,  
for that gentleman always collaborated  
with his authors—called "The Irish  
Artist," was produced last night. It in-  
troduced the "singing Irish comedian,"  
Chauncey O'Keefe, as a star, and it did a  
good many other things, but they were less  
interesting. The play proved to be one  
of those primitive, conventional Irish  
comedies, the attributes of the highly-colo-  
red gentlemen in the chromos that are  
given away with pounds of tea. At the  
end of the second act he stands with his  
sister clasped to his manly bosom,  
"I will protect her," he says to her  
brother, who has turned her out of doors  
fourth she will be no child of his, or  
words to that effect—and the lime-  
light plays upon him and the curtain  
falls.

In the third act he is in a smugler's  
cave, though he doesn't smuggle. Good  
young man, never smuggle. The villain  
takes him and binds him up with cord,  
and then, in a burst of playfulness, puts  
a train of gunpowder near him, and  
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